

Substitute Bill No. 5452

February Session, 2018



## AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON LIFE-THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 10-212c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):
- 3 (a) Not later than July 1, 2012, the Department of Education, in 4 conjunction with the Department of Public Health, shall develop, [and 5 make available to each local and regional board of education] and 6 revise as necessary, guidelines for the management of students with 7 life-threatening food allergies and glycogen storage disease. The 8 Department of Education shall make the guidelines available to each 9 <u>local and regional board of education.</u> The guidelines shall include, but 10 need not be limited to: (1) Education and training for school personnel 11 on the management of students with life-threatening food allergies and 12 glycogen storage disease, including training related to 13 administration of medication with a cartridge injector pursuant to 14 subsection (d) of section 10-212a, and the provision of food or dietary 15 supplements, (2) procedures for responding to life-threatening allergic 16 reactions to food, (3) a process for the development of individualized 17 health care and food allergy action plans for every student with a life-18 threatening food allergy, (4) a process for the development of 19 individualized health care and glycogen storage disease action plans

for every student with glycogen storage disease and such plan shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of food or dietary supplements by the school nurse, or any school employee approved by the school nurse, to a student with glycogen storage disease provided such plan shall not prohibit a parent or guardian, or a person designated by such parent or guardian, to provide food or dietary supplements to a student with glycogen storage disease on school grounds during the school day, and (5) protocols to prevent exposure to food allergens.

(b) [Not later than August 15, 2012] (1) For the period of August 15, 2012, to September 30, 2019, inclusive, each local and regional board of education shall: [(1)] (A) Implement a plan based on the guidelines developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies and glycogen storage disease enrolled in the schools under its jurisdiction; [(2)] (B) make such plan available on such board's Internet web site or the Internet web site of each school under such board's jurisdiction, or if such <u>Internet</u> web [sites do] <u>site does</u> not exist, make such plan publicly available through other practicable means as determined by such board; and [(3)] (C) provide notice of such plan in conjunction with the annual written statement provided to parents and guardians as required by subsection (b) of section 10-231c. [The superintendent of schools for each school district shall annually attest to the Department of Education that such school district is implementing such plan in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) On and after October 1, 2019, in addition to the requirements in subdivision (1) of this subsection, each local and regional board of education shall: (A) Require that all relevant course curriculum and any school culinary program, other than those offered at a technical high school, implement allergen restrictions and safety protocols to allow students with life-threatening food allergies to participate; and (B) include such plan in any programs relating to school climate or wellness adopted by such board.

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(3) The superintendent of schools for each school district shall annually attest to the Department of Education that such school district is implementing such plan in accordance with the provisions of this section.

57 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) Not later than July 1, 2019, the 58 Department of Education shall (1) revise and update the Healthy and 59 Balanced Living Curriculum Framework, issued by the department in 60 2006, to include life-threatening food allergies, (2) revise and update 61 any culinary arts programs or curriculum standards related to the 62 National Family and Consumer Sciences Standards adopted by the 63 State Board of Education to include dietary restrictions, cross-64 contaminations and allergen identification, and (3) apply for any 65 available federal or private funding, in consultation with the 66 Department of Public Health, to promote public awareness and 67 education about food allergies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	10-212c
Sec. 2	from passage	New section

## **ED** Joint Favorable Subst.

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